

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4113  
INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ECON SOCI PL  
SUBJ: MEAT SHORTAGES AND THE EASTER HOLIDAY IN POLAND

1. ON THE EVE OF EASTER, 1978, WE HAVE NOTICED UNUSUALLY LONG LINES OUTSIDE OF MEAT STORES IN THE WARSAW AREA. EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE RELATED STORIES OF FIVE-HOUR WAITS, AND SOME SCUFFLING AND FIGHTING. MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING TO WARSAW FROM OTHER METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS, SUCH AS LODZ, TO BUY MEAT. HAM AND PORK, WHICH ARE TRADITIONAL EASTER FARE IN POLAND, ARE REPORT-EDLY COMPLETELY UNAVAILABLE IN A NUMBER OF AREAS OUTSIDE WARSAW. THE MOTHER OF ONE EMBASSY FSL ARRIVED TWO DAYS AGO FROM A VILLAGE NEAR LUBLIN WITH MEAT ORDERS FROM FIVE FAMILIES. SHE ALLEGED  
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THAT NO MEAT HAD BEEN AVAILABLE IN HER VILLAGE FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS AND NONE COULD BE OBTAINED IN LUBLIN.

2. AS IS THE TRADITION DURING MAJOR HOLIDAYS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RELEASED LARGE AMOUNTS OF FRUIT, MAINLY ORANGES AND BANANAS, INTO LOCAL RETAIL FOOD OUTLETS. PRICES ARE HIGH BUT THERE IS USUALLY NO COMPLAINT BECAUSE THESE FRUITS ARE NOT REGULARLY

AVAILABLE AND THEREFORE DO NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTINUOUS EXPENDITURE  
FROM THE AVERAGE FAMILY FOOD BUDGET.

3. ALTHOUGH THE EASTER HOLIDAY IS LARGELY IGNORED BY MASS  
MEDIA, CHURCHES WERE PACKED FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AND EASTER  
MONDAY IS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY.  
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